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## PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. Eighty-nine of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED] FOIA b3a

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports beginning with the most recent and moving backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED] FOIA b3a. The numbering of the items was added by the translator FOIA b3a. [REDACTED] FOIA b3a did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

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12 April 1943

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 7/4

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

1.) Personnel Situation at the NK for the River Fleet

- (1) In the course of the directed mobilization of workers for the River Fleet, Stalin-grad is to take measures to use family members, housewives, youths, school children and river captains, who have already been pensioned because of their age, for work on river ships and landing places.
- (2) In the Nesterenko section 561 persons are employed as of 25 March.
- (3) The government decree concerning the 10% increase in work performance in loading and unloading river ships is not being carried out by the offices in Ufa, Kujbyshev and Uralsk.
- (4) Draft exemptions for six members of the Shipyard "Gorkij" in Kujbyshev were cancelled.
- (5) Uralsk-All draft exemptions (including tractor drivers) have been extended to 1 July 1943.

2.) Food and Agriculture

Georgia

- (6) In 1943, 8,000 tons of pip fruits and 2,000 tons of stone fruits are to be procured.
- (7) According to plan 150 tons of cranberries are to be harvested in the second quarter and 250 tons in the fourth quarter.
- (8) Plans are being made to produce 100 tons of egg white yeast yearly. The Lemonade Industry in Tiflis received only 1030 tons of barley from the authorized 1900 tons. The delivery of the remainder was refused.
- (9) In the first quarter the NKVD storehouse in Erivan received the following food quantities:

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120 tons	sifted flour
20 tons	quality flour
10 tons	groats
4 tons	vegetable fat
1 ton	meat
3 tons	macaroni
10 tons	granulated feed
25 tons	jars of preserves

(10) The mill of Poti is supplied with barley. Because of the lack of wheat, however, the plant must be shut down. Azerbajdzhan delivered only 2,436 tons instead of the scheduled 7400 tons. During the last few days there has been no deliveries. There are 14,210 tons of wheat remaining to be delivered.

(11) People's Commissariat for River Fleet

It could be noted from a message of 3 April from Kujbyshev that management personnel receive additional free supplies.

(12) In the Osetrovo Office, Irkutsk Rajon, monthly allotments of groats amounted to the following:

For workers	1200 grams
Employees	800 grams
Dependents	600 grams
Children	800 grams

An allotment in excess of this amount is forbidden.

3.) Timber

(13) In 1943 the Georgian Coal Trust requires 18,000 cubic meters of mine timber.

No possibility exists for procuring the timber on the spot.

(14) From North Osetia 10,000 telegraph poles are to be delivered to the Georgian Oil Supply by 15 April.

4.) Coal

(15) The mine "Tkvarcheli Coal" in Erivan carried out the following coal deliveries in March:

NK for Transportation	489 tons
NK for Electrical Plants	10,114 tons
NK for Coal Supply	40 tons
NK for Navy	3,660 tons
NK for Shipbuilding Ind.	99 tons
NK for Merchant Marine	2,940 tons
NK for Rubber Industry	700 tons
NK for Light Industry	203 tons
NK for Food Industry	1,669 tons

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NK for Textile Industry	120 tons
NK for Meat & Dairy Industry	20 tons
NK for Paper Industry	849 tons
NK for Construction	198 tons
NK for Agriculture	110 tons
Shoe Industry	203 tons
Georgian Mine Construction	40 tons
Plant "18"	35 tons
Plant "19"	35 tons
Plant "Sovpren"	600 tons
"NKPSM" (?)	348 tons
Georgia	396 tons
Azerbaijan	33 tons

5.) Oil Supply (Caucasus)

(16) The procurement storehouse in Tiflis reports the following fuel supply:

	<u>Supply on 1 March</u>	<u>Arrivals</u>	<u>Consumption</u>	<u>Supply on 1 April</u>
Ligroin	0.8 tons	---	0.8 tons	---
Mazut	1.8	3.0 tons	3.4	1.4 tons
Gasoline	---	7.8	6.4	1.4
Petroleum	---	4.0	3.77	0.23

(17) The following are needed each month at the Baksan Construction Project (113

kilometers northwest of Ordzhonikidze) for portable compressor stations:

80 tons	gasoline
40	petroleum
12	lubricating oil

In addition there are required:

150 tons	transformer oil
30	turbine oil
4	accumulator acid

(18) In April the Georgian Electrical Industry received 3 tons of gasoline and 1.5 tons of petroleum.

(19) The Chairman of the Georgia State Plan objects to the insufficient authorization of only 20 tons of motor oil in March and April. At least 300 tons are needed. In addition, in April 40 tons of gasoline and 60 tons of petroleum are required for motor vehicle transport and tractor work in the auxiliary enterprises.

(20) In April the Shoe Factory "Beriya" received the following fuel:

0.4 ton	truck gasoline	for transportation purposes
3.5 tons	truck gasoline	for operational purposes
1.9 tons	aviation gasoline	

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(21) In April the hog breeding sovkhos in Prokhladnoe is to receive 5 tons of petroleum.

Oil Supply of the NK for the River Fleet

(22) The offices of the NK received the following deliveries in April:

<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>
Kostroma	0.5 ton	petroleum
	0.1 ton	gasoline
Gorodets with shipyard	1.0	petroleum
Gorkij	2.0	motor oil
	2.5	petroleum
	0.9	gasoline
Kujbyshev	9600.0	mazut
	1665.0	motor oil
	2.0	petroleum
	0.5	ligroin
	0.1	gasoline
Sarapul	1.5	petroleum
Stalingrad	2.0	petroleum
	1.0	ligroin
	0.3	gasoline
Astrakhan	3.0	oil
Sokolskoe	0.5	petroleum
	0.1	gasoline
Kineshma	0.3	gasoline
Molotov	2.0	petroleum
	1.0	ligroin
	0.2	gasoline
Ufa	500.0	mazut
	60.0	motor oil
	0.5	ligroin
	0.1	gasoline
Uralsk	700.0	mazut
	8.0	petroleum
	1.0	ligroin
	1.2	gasoline
	5.0	oil
Ilijsk	3.5	petroleum
	50.0	mazut
	5.0	oil
	0.1	gasoline
Chardzhou	954.0	mazut
	0.2	petroleum
Tobolsk	0.2	petroleum
Kirov	2.0	petroleum
	0.2	gasoline
Omsk	3.4	gasoline
	8.0	petroleum
	0.3	ligroin
	28.0	oil



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Krasnoyarsk	0.3 ton	gasoline
	1.2	petroleum
	5.0	oil
Novosibirsk	1.0	petroleum
	1.2	gasoline
	5.0	diesel fuel
	2.0	motor oil
Irkutsk	1.1	petroleum
	1.1	gasoline
Kirensk	2.0	petroleum
	0.1	gasoline
	0.2	ligroin
	15.0	oil
Khabarovsk	0.5	ligroin
	0.4	gasoline
	9.2	petroleum
	80.0	oil
Borovoe	1.0	petroleum
	0.1	gasoline

6.) NK for River Fleet

(23) The Shipyard in Kostroma showed good results in the first quarter. Plans call for the completion of 30 tug boats in April.

(24) A shipyard in Raznezhe also showed good results in March. The delivery of the first 40 ton vessels is considered to be an urgent assignment in April along with the scheduled completion of repairs.

(25) Plant "Molotov" in Gorkij received 2 gas generators from the River Fleet Supply.

(26) "Volgatanker" in Astrakhan received the following ships for the 1943 navigation period: "Bolshevik", "Pervoe Maya", "Krasnaya Zvezda", "Korolenko", and "Furmanov."

(27) Omsk. A larger number of ships will probably not be able to be put to sea at the beginning of navigation since repair work is behind schedule.

(28) The Power Combine is limiting power for Ship Repair Yard "Stalin".

(29) The order requiring motor vehicles to convert to gas is not being carried out by the offices in Semipalatinsk, Omsk, Krasnoyarsk, Ulan Ude, Khabarovsk, Blagoveshchensk and Yakutsk.

(30) Khabarovsk received for the Lower Amur Steamship Agency from the supply at Vladivostok Harbor 95 electric motors of 220/380 volts, 1500 revolutions.